U.S. Embassy, Manila, Philippines

Message for U.S. Citizens: Consular Section Closure Schedule

December 23, 2014

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.

The Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy Manila and the Consular Agency Cebu will be closed for routine services from December 25th, 2014 through January 2nd, 2015. Both offices will be able to assist with emergency services on Monday, December 29th.

For questions regarding visa services, please visit the web page for the nonimmigrant visa unit, http://manila.usembassy.gov/nonimmigrant-visa.html, or call (02) 976 8500 or (02) 976 8501-02.

The Consular section will resume normal services on Monday, January 5th, 2015.

In case of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please call the Embassy operator at +63-2-301-2000 for assistance.

The Embassy is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines and is open 0730-1600, Monday through Friday. The Embassy's main telephone number is (632) 301-2000. U.S. citizens needing to speak to the Embassy can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit or with the Embassy Duty Officer (for calls outside of normal business hours). You can also contact the ACS unit through email at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/NCS.1007/ACS.1007/ACS.1007/NCS.1007/NCS.1007/NCS.1007/ACS.1007/NCS.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to have travel information at your fingertips.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the Philippines enroll in the <u>Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u> at <u>travel.state.gov</u>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State <u>Department's website</u>, where you can find current <u>Travel Warnings</u>, including the <u>Travel Warning for the Philippines</u>, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the <u>Country Specific Information for the Philippines</u>. For additional information, refer to <u>"Traveler's Checklist"</u> on the State Department's website.